(d) the details of financial liabilities shared by the Centre and States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) is not under implementation in the State of Punjab as the State Government has not agreed to participate in NAIS.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are two categories of chargeable premium rates under NAIS. Flat rates of premium charged for insuring food and oilseed crops. They are fixed keeping in view the risk involved and the paying capacity of farmers. Other category is the actuarial rates of premium charged for insuring annual commercial and horticultural crops. These rates are calculated on the basis of variability in the yield.

(d) The financial liabilities such as:—

(i) Claims over and above the premium collected in case of food and oilseeds crops.

(ii) Claims above 150% of premium collected for annual commercial and horticultural crops.

(iii) Premium subsidy to small and marginal farmers.

(iv) Administrative and Operating expenses and bank service charges are shared equally between the Centre and the State Governments under NAIS.

National Horticulture Mission

2053. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Karnataka earns nearly Rs. 100 crores in Floriculture;

(b) whether there is any proposal with the Centre to set up 'National Horticulture Mission' to create export potentiality in the Horticulture;

(c) whether Government have a plan to educate farmers to approach markets and evaluate clients; and

(d) the role played by the National Horticulture Board in addressing the problems faced by the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "National Horticulture Mission" in May 2005 to address the overall development of Horticulture in the country duly ensuring an end to end approach covering production, post-harvest management and marketing in the domestic and export markets. Training of farmers and market intelligence form part of the scheme.

(d) The National Horticulture Board (NHB) is implementing a scheme "Technology Development and Transfer for Promotion of Horticulture" with the following component:—

- Visit of Progressive Farmers in Different States to study advance technologies adopted in Horticulture.
- Organisation/participation in Seminars/Workshops/Exhibition, etc. for promotion of Horticulture.

Through discussions at such forums, NHB is facilitating redressal of the problems faced by farmers.

Production and demand of milk products

†2054. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of milk and milk products and its demand in the country;

(b) the estimated requirement of milk and milk products in the next two years in the country;

(c) whether Government propose to make an elaborate plan to increase the production and its export; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government?

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